Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is said here that Travancore, Malabar and Cochin have many common problems. An outsider is nominated. May I know whether a Travancorean was nominated?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There can be no harm in appointing anybody from outside.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(6). May I know whether the Government gets issues of Gomati?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no information. I occasionally get some cuttings from the Government from Gomati, Mahati, etc.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are the Government getting copies of the Gomati?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—We do get copies of all the newspapers.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was there any article supporting the transfer of the College in the Gomati?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Notice?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government please peruse the Gomati paper and say whether there was such an article?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—May I know in which issue of the Gomati this article appears?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Notice. (*Laughter.*)

428. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) at whose recommendations were the members of the Primary Education Committee appointed;

(2) what are the qualifications of the members of that Committee?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) On the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction.

(2) Sound scholarship, knowledge of the literary powers and needs of children, acquaintance with the existing curricula of studies and the gradation of Text Books, knowledge of the methods of teaching, a liberal outlook are some of the most important qualifications of the members.

Extension to Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.

429. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state why Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar was given an extension for three months again;

(2) how many times and on what dates did the Diwan propose to His Highness the Maharaja to appoint Mr. K.

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Narayana Pisharodi, the Sarvadhikariakar, as Devaswam Commissioner;

(3) what were the replies to each of these proposals and whether no reply was sent on the last occasion?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(1), (2) & (3). Vide answer to question No. 80 of the 1107 Vrischigam meeting of the Council.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In question No. 80 it is said that his successor has not been selected. Now it is six months since he attained his 55th year. May I know what are the special reasons for not selecting his successor for such a long period?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—With regard to the question I have only to refer the Member to the answer given to question No. 80. It is not possible to give any more information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, I am referred to Question No. 80 and the answer is that his successor has not been selected. Now I ask the supplementary question why a suitable man was not selected for the last six months.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Please see answer to (b).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know what are the special reasons for not arriving at a conclusion.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—In answer to Question No. 80 I stated that no further statement could be made. That position still continues.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether any proposal was made. If there is any secret in the correspondence, I don't want you to divulge the secret. I simply want to know whether there was any proposal.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Government have definitely stated that no further statement could be made.

Tax paid by the various communities.

430. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the number of those who pay to the Government a tax of not more than (1) Re. 1, (2) Rs. 3, (3) Rs. 5, (4) Rs. 10 and (5) above Rs. 10 from each of the following communities:—

Nambudiries, Tamil Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Ambalavasis, Nayars, Vaisyas, Ezhuvas, Christians, Muslims, Jews, Arayans (including Valans), Pulayas and others?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A list containing the required particulars is appended (*Appendix II.*)

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